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VIA HAND-DELIVERY

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

RE: Western Massachusetts Electric Company's August 15, 2008 Energy
Efficiency Filing

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

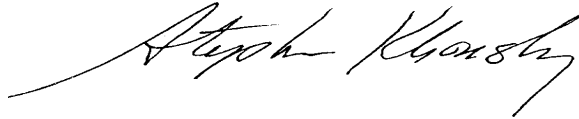
On July 16, 2008, the Department of Energy Resources ("DOER") filed a letter with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") requesting that the Department consider an immediate increase in funding for energy efficiency programs targeting heating end-uses. In response, on July 25, 2008, the Department issued a letter asking that energy efficiency Program Administrators for Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECO") and other parties "increase spending for spending for residential heating programs effective as soon as feasible and covering the 2008 winter season." On July 29, 2008, the Department held a technical conference to discuss issues and concerns of Program Administrators, the Attorney General, and non-utility parties ("NUPs") with implementing the funding increases.

Subsequently, on August 1, 2008, the Department's Hearing Officer issued a memorandum requiring, among other things, that proposals to increase spending should be filed with the Department no later than August 15, 2008. For WMECO, the filing of increased spending through a supplemental spending plan for the remainder of 2008 ("Supplemental Plan") is complicated by the fact that it has not yet filed its 2008 Energy Efficiency Plan ("2008 EE Plan"). WMECO therefore is in the position of concluding negotiations with the NUPs and DOER on the 2008 EE Plan, coming to agreement with those parties on the Supplemental Plan, and incorporating both in one document that would be filed with the Department. WMECO is currently productively engaged in these activities. Unfortunately, that process has taken longer than hoped for and WMECO cannot obtain all the needed work to submit its filing by August 15. Further, because there are a number of parties involved, it is not possible to provide the Department with a precise date by which it is certain WMECO will make the required filing. However, WMECO understands the urgency associated with the filing and will endeavor to submit the 2008 EE Plan with the Supplemental Plan as soon as possible. Currently, WMECO is on a schedule under which all needed reviews for the filing will be completed on or about August 21.

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Please contact Don Bishop (617 345-1067) or me should you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Klionsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Stephen Klionsky

cc: Benjamin Spruill, Hearing Officer
Jamie Tosches, Assistant Attorney General
Service List (via e-mail)